

ACT 51 OF 1951 – DARTA AMENDMENT



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HOUSE BILL 5523 (H-2)

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SUMMARY

Two public transportation agencies in southeast Michigan are currently organized under the authority of PA 204 of 1967 - the Metropolitan Transportation Authorities Act of 1967. Those two agencies are the Suburban mobility authority for regional transportation (SMART), and the Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RTCC). The RTCC receives state and federal transportation funds on behalf of both SMART and the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT). House Bill 5467 would repeal PA 204 and establish a new statutory authority - the Detroit Area Regional Transportation Authority (DARTA) Act.

Among other things, Public Act 51 of 1951 governs the distribution of funds from the Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF) to local public transit agencies – including the RTCC. House Bill 5523 would amend Act 51 of 1951 to include in the definition of “eligible authorities” authorities organized under the proposed DARTA act. HB 5523 is tie-barred to HB 5467.

The bill would have no apparent impact on state or local costs or revenue.